

**TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS  
RESOLUTIONS 02-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST  
HEIGHTS, MARYLAND APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE (3)  
ETHICS COMMISSIONERS**

Introduced By: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

**WHEREAS**, during the 2010 legislative session, the General Assembly of Maryland enacted legislation mandating required changes in local ethics ordinances that include: (1) adopting conflict of interest and financial disclosure provisions for elected municipal officials that are equivalent to or exceed the State's, (2) requiring that local elected officials must file a financial disclosure statement complying with said provisions, (3) requiring the local ethics commission to certify to the State Ethics Commission on or before October 1 of each year that the municipal corporation is in compliance with the requirements for elected local officials, and (4) requiring that candidates for election also must comply with the financial disclosure requirements of the law; and

**WHEREAS**, in January, 2013, the State Ethics Commission reviewed an ethics ordinance exemption request submitted on behalf of the Town and thereby granted the Town a partial exemption from the requirement to adopt lobbying provisions as part of the local ethics law, and as a result of said Commission's determination, the Town's previously, voluntarily-enacted ethics ordinance found in Article 14 of the Town Code was amended to comply with State law and is further subject to periodic review by the State Ethics Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 14.3 of the Town Ordinance Code, as amended, there is now a Town of Forest Heights Ethics Commission that shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council and notwithstanding anything in Article 21 of the Town Code to the contrary, the Ethics Commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council and shall otherwise be further governed by this Article 14 and Article 21 of the Town Code.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 21.2.C(6) of the Town Ordinance Code, the Council hereby finds that the appointees meet the qualifications for office prescribed by law; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, and enacted that the Town Council hereby approves and ratifies the appointment of the following individuals as Ethics Commissioners to serve for a one (1) year term as prescribed by Section 21.2 of the Town Ordinance Code or until their successors are duly appointed: Mrs. Monica Lawson, 1), Mr. Worthington Ross, 2) and Mrs. Doris Stevenson, 3).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above-named appointees shall subscribe to and be administered by the Mayor the oath of office for the office of Ethics Commissioner pursuant to Section 33-84 of the Town Charter; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that newly appointed Ethics Commissioner Ms. Mary Burnett is hereby appointed to serve as Chair of the Commission unless and until the Commission votes to name a successor Chair; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Subsections 21.2.C(8) and 21.2.I(2) of the Town Ordinance Code, Councilperson Taunya Hines., shall be assigned to coordinate with said body and shall assist, as needed, in drafting the agenda, scheduling meetings, and in the preparation and distribution of meeting materials; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 20th day of January 2021.

**APPROVED:** By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

ROLL CALL VOTE

MUHAMMAD

KENNEDY II

NOBLE

BARNES

HINES

WASHINGTON

ATKINSON

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

Yea  
Nay  
Nay  
Nay  
Absent  
Yea  
Yea  
Yea

ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

By:

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

By:

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

Calvin Washington, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021 with 4 Aye votes and 2 Nay votes the aforesaid Resolution 02-21 passed.

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

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